ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ಎನ್. ಪಾಟೀಲ್ (ಹೂವಿನ ಹಿಪ್ಪಾರ್ಗಿ).—ಬೆಂಗಳೂರಿನಲ್ಲಿ ನೀರು ಸರಬರಾಜಿನ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ತೊಂದರೆಯಾಗಿರುವ ವಿಷಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಮುಖ್ಯ ಮಂತ್ರಿಗಳು ಒಂದು ಹೇಳಿಕೆಯನ್ನು ಕೊಡುತ್ತಾರೆಯೇ ?

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—The Hon'ble member may send it in writing.

Sri DIGAMBARA RAO B. KALMANKAR.—May I know whether this Adjournment Motion will be taken up tomorrow ?

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—I have requested the Minister concerned to make a statement tomorrow.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Harihara).—Sir, I would like to submit that this is a great issue. The issue being great, I request the indulgence of the Chair to examine it and give an opportunity to this House to discusss this all important problem. Whoever may be responsible, whatever may be the cause, this is a thing that is astounding and alarming and there is no parallel to this at least in the history of Mysore in the sheer magnitude of the ghastliness of the offence. If it is disallowed, It may mean that the custodian of the privileges of the people or their truly elected representatives have failed in due discharge of their duties. Let the Minister say whatever he has got to say ; an opportunity may be given to this House to discuss the issue. If the Minister's reply is convincing, then, I am sure my friend Sri Nagappa would be the last person to press his Motion. The issue is alarming, and if this is treated as the one in the routine, I am afraid, the purpose of discussion may become fruitless.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—The members may refer to this matter during discussion of the Police Demand. I have said that this is an unfortunate incident and I have requested the Minister to make a statement tomorrow.

CALLING ATTENTION TO A MATTER OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

Sri B. B. SAYANAK (Belgaum).—Sir, I call the attention of the Minister for Revenue and Forests regarding the nuisance caused by the elephants in the villages near Khanapur Taluk.

Sri B. RACHAIAH (Minister for Revenue and Forests).— Sir, with reference to the Call Attention Notice of Sri B. B. Sayanak, I would like to make the following statement :

> "The matter has been enquired into. It is revealed that Wild Elephants have caused damage to some plantain trees in the Gaonthana area of Suvatwadi Village adjoining the Reserved Forests, 8 miles from Londa. The damage is estimated at Rs. 5 only. The Villagers and Police Patil of Sauvatwadi village have informed that the elephant herd came near the Gaonthana about 10 days back and scared the villagers.

(SRI B. RACHAIAH)

There is no standing crop in the field at present and the elephants are not to be seen anywhere near the village at present.

The Game Staff are camping at Londa and watching the villages near Londa to spot out any elephants and scare them away."

Sri N. B. SIRDESAI (Khanapur).—Sir, I may be permitted to get some clarification from the Hon'ble Minister for Revenue as I belong to Khanapur Taluka.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—There is no provision for such clarifications or putting questions on the statement made by the Hon'ble Minister in response to any call attention notice. If there is any doubt, the member will give me in writing and I will look to it.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಬಿ. ಜ್ವಾಲನಯ್ಯ (ಹಾನನ).—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, 10 ದಿವಸಗಳ ಹಿಂದೆ ಒಂದು ಕಾರ್ ಅಟೆನ್‌ಷನ್ ನೋಟಿಸ್‌ನ್ನು ನಮ್ಮ ಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ತಹಶೀಲ್ದಾರರು ಲೆವಿಯನ್ನು ದಬ್ಬಾಳಿಕೆಯ ಮೂಲಕ ವಸೂಲು ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿರುವ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ಕಳಿಸಿದ್ದೆ.

ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ನೋಡಿ ತಿಳಿಸುತ್ತೇನೆ. We have received a number of call attention notices. We are taking up on priority basis.

Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA.—Sir, so far as this calling attention notices are concerned, I am to submit, that I had also given notice of a call attention notice and a notice for raising half-an-hour discussion. My submission in this behalf is that there must be some method by which these things may be disposed of. I would like to know as to what has happened to the promise made by the Hon'ble Minister for Public Works, the other day, that he would place on the Table of this House the agreement entered into by Mysore Government with the Madras Government in regard to supply of electricity to that State. I therefore urge, that it may be placed to-day itself, so that I may have an opportunity to study and I may raise some points when the demands pertaining to Public Works Department come up for consideration before this House.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—I will look into the matter.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಬಿ. ಜ್ವಾಲನಯ್ಯ.—ನೀವು ಕಳಿಸಿರುವಂಥ ಅಜೆಂಡಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಅರ್ಧಗಂಟೆ ಕಾಲದ ಚರ್ಚೆಯನ್ನು ಸೇರಿಸಿರುತ್ತೀರಿ. ಆ ದಿನದಲ್ಲಿ ಆ ವಿಷಯವನ್ನು ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳದಿದ್ದರೆ ಮುಂದಿನ ದಿನದ ಅಜೆಂಡಾದಲ್ಲಿ ಸೇರಿಸಬೇಕು, ಆದರೆ ಸೇರಿಸುತ್ತಿಲ್ಲ ; ಕಾರಣವೇನು ? ಅದು ಸತ್ತು ಹೋಯಿತು ಎಂದು ಅರ್ಥವೇ ?

ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಸಮಯ ಇಲ್ಲದ್ದರಿಂದ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಮುಂದೆ ತೆಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳುತ್ತೇವೆ.

Sri B. RACHAIAH.—Sir, I have read out statement only with regard to the call attention notice of Mr. B. B. Sayanak. There are two other motions moved by Sri N. B. Sirdesai and Sri D. S. Nadkarni

and if you kindly permit me, I will make a statement with regard to that also. They have been included in the agenda and I may also thereby clarify the position to Mr. Sirdesai.

MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Yes.

SRI B. RACHAIAH.—Sir, It is reported by the Divisional Forest Officer, Belgaum Division that in October and November 1967, the wild elephants entered into the following villages of Khanapur Taluk and caused havoc and damage to the standing crops in respect of two villages:—

1 *Gumbarda*
2 Bommanakoppa
3 Dharward
4 Suvanthavadi
5 Davargi
6 Marda
7 *Nagaragali* and
8 Halgi

Action has already been taken to organise the scaring party to scare the elephants away from these villages. The Game Range Officer from Bandipur had come to the villages and successfully drove the animals away from the villages. It is reported that there has been no elephant havoc or menace and there is no cause for anxiety or alarm on the part of the villagers re: repetition of the menance from the elephants.

Loss of standing property is as follows:—

In respect of Gumbarda, the extent of damage to the crop is Rs. 250 in one acre. Another person has sustained a loss of standing crops worth Rs. 60 in two acres. Another person has sustained a loss of crop worth Rs. 10 in 3 guntas. The loss of crop sustained by the fourth person is Rs. 200 in 20 guntas.

In respect of Nagargali village, the loss of paddy crop is valued at Rs. 500 in one acre. The loss of sugar cane is valued at Rs. 100 in the case of another person.

The Tahsildar, Khanapur Taluk, has proposed the following assistance to be given to the sufferers:—

In respect of Gumbarda village, exemption from the leavy and remission in land revenue has been recommended. In respect of persons who have sustained a loss of Rs. 10 and Rs. 100 neither exemption of levy nor remission is recommended.

In respect of Nagaragali village, the Tahsildar, Khanapur has recommended remission in land revenue and exemption from levy.

The above assessment of loss of property has been made in the presence of panchayatdars and panchanama has been drawn by the Tahsildar to that effect.